IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

LEONARD TAVARES, Petitioner,

VS.

STATE OF HAWAI'I, Respondent.

APPEAL FROM THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT (Cr. No. 91-1764)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW PETITIONER'S MOTION TO APPEAL TO THE HAWAI'I SUPREME COURT

(By: Moon, C.J., Levinson, Nakayama, and Acoba, JJ., and Circuit Judge Graulty, assigned by reason of vacancy)

Upon consideration of the motion to withdraw
Petitioner's notice of appeal filed by Petitioner-Appellant
Leonard Tavares, the papers in support, and the records and files
herein, it appears that Appellant wishes to withdraw his appeal
and asks the court to dismiss the appeal. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion to withdraw appeal is granted, and this appeal is dismissed.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, March 17, 2003.

Leonard Tavares, petitioner pro se on the motion